

APPENDIX C

**DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY
FORMS**

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name Hart Farm

other names/site number S-966

2. Location

street & number 34139 Cedar Grove Road not for publication ☐

city or town Lewes vicinity ☒

state Delaware code DE county Sussex code 005 zip code 19958

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

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4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

____ entered in the National Register

____ See continuation sheet.

____ determined eligible for the National Register

____ See continuation sheet.

____ determined not eligible for the National Register

____ removed from the National Register

____ other (explain):

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ Private
☐ Public-local
☐ Public-State
☐ Public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic

Agriculture/Subsistence

Agriculture/Subsistence

Sub: Single Dwelling

Animal Facility

Agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Vacant/Not in Use

Vacant/Not in Use

Vacant/Not in Use

Sub:

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Other: I-House

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

roof Asphalt

walls Shake

other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
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Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
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- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture

Period of Significance

1865-1962

Significant Dates

1865

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 17

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1. 18	486135	4287027	3. 18	486583	4287162
2. 18	486357	4286934	4. 18	486636	4287127
<input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.					

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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

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Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

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Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Jane Sayers

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city or town Wilmington

state DE

zip code 19804

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Section 7 Page 7

Hart Farm
Name of Property
Sussex, Delaware
County and State

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Narrative Description:

The Hart Farm, an agricultural complex located in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred at the intersection of Cedar Grove and Plantations roads, consists of a farmstead and approximately 6.9 ha (17.0 ac) of associated land. It is identified as the property of T. Hart on the 1868 *Atlas of the State of Delaware* (Beers 1868). The buildings in the farmstead consist of a two-story, vernacular-style farmhouse, a carriage barn, a barn, and a small shed.

The farmhouse is a frame I-house two-stories high, five bays wide, and topped by a side gable roof with a peaked cross gable and asphalt shingles. The cross gable and the Gothic window within it are the only pretensions of architectural style. The house has a center hall plan and is finished with cedar shake siding. The house has seen numerous changes. On the front is a three-bay-wide, single-story enclosed porch with a shed roof and jalousie windows. One-story additions have also been made to the rear of the house. Nearly all the windows are metal replacement sash. Nevertheless, despite these changes, the house's scale, massing, and finish evoke its origins as a mid-nineteenth century I-house, the dominant house type in Sussex County during the Industrialization and Early Urbanization period (1830-1880±).

Stylistically, the barn and carriage barn, which are located to the north and east of the house, appear to date to the early twentieth century. The two-story barn is utilitarian in character, constructed of heavy frame, and covered with plywood siding. Its saltbox roof with corrugated metal sheathing seems to have been replaced within the last 20 years. On the west side of the barn there are what appear to be concrete and steel fenced dog kennels. The barn's foundation is stone.

The frame carriage barn is divided into the standard three-section arrangement: a one-and-one-half-story high central section with a high front gable roof flanked by engaged, one-story shed roof side sections. The side sections are open, while the middle section is enclosed, with access provided to each story. Like the barn, the building is finished with plywood siding. Its foundation, however, consists of concrete block piers.

The only other building on the farmstead is a small one-story shed located to the west of the barn. Of recent origin, the building is not historic.

In order to be eligible for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing, an agricultural complex must have land associated with it. The Hart Farm retains 6.9 ha (17.0 ac) of the 16.2 ha (40.0) acres conveyed with it in 1898; it is located north and east of the farmstead. Although the land is currently fallow, it evokes former pastoral and agricultural use.

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Hart Farm
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Narrative Statement of Significance:

The Hart Farm is significant under NRHP Criteria A and C as a Sussex County Agricultural Complex from the mid-nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The farmhouse, two contributing agricultural outbuildings, and 6.9 ha (17.0 ac) of land evoke the key features of an agricultural complex and Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred's agricultural past.

According to historical records, Thomas Hart moved to Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred from Indian River Hundred about 1864 (U.S. Census 1860:38; Sussex County Tax Assessments 1850-1880). He had acquired 43.5 acres of land from N.P. Holland and another 17 from Silas Dickinson. The 1868 tax assessments (properties were assessed every four years) list his holdings at a higher amount, 80 acres, and mentions a house for the first time. From this, it is deduced that the I-house on the property dates to ca. 1865, a date consistent with its architectural style and the history of agricultural complexes in Sussex County. Mr. Hart is also assessed for one horse, three mules, two cows and calves, two shoats, and four sheep (Sussex County Tax Assessments 1850-1880).

The 1870 agricultural schedule notes that all 80 acres of the Hart Farm were tilled, that the number of milk cows had increased to five, and the number of swine now stood at 10; he also had two working oxen and one beef cow. Hart, like his neighbors, was a diversified farmer, growing wheat, corn, oats, and Irish and sweet potatoes, putting up molasses, and producing butter. His farm was valued at \$2,400, which placed him in the middle ranks of farmers in the area (U.S. Census 1870). Ten years later, his tilled acreage had risen to 105; another 10 acres were wooded. The wooded acres probably have included the 100 peach trees he is listed as having. Hart now raised poultry in addition to milk cows, cattle, and swine. Corn, wheat, and Irish and sweet potatoes were still grown; peaches had been added to the product mix. The products were typical for Sussex County farmers during the era. The value of his farm implements had grown from \$50 to \$100, and his farm was now worth \$2,750. Hart was also hiring farm help during part of the year (U.S. Census 1880a). This could be because he and his wife were getting older (Hart was 66 in 1880) and his sons were no longer living at home. The Harts, however, did have three domestic servants living in their house, ages 11, 13, and 14 (U.S. Census 1880b).

Thomas Hart died in the 1890s; near the end of that decade, his estate was partitioned. Some of it went to neighboring farmer Rufus S. Joseph, who had married Hart's widow, Sarah. Forty acres were sold by Hart's heirs to another neighbor, John W. Morris (Sussex County Deeds 1898:364). In 1907, Morris conveyed

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Continued):

the 40 acres to Harry F. Jeffries. He or his wife (after his death) held the property until 1953 (Sussex County Deeds 1953:212).

The Hart Farm is eligible for NRHP listing under Criteria A and C as an example of a Sussex County Agricultural Complex ranging in age from the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries. To be eligible as an agricultural complex, a farmstead must consist of a farmhouse and related domestic and agricultural outbuildings. A complex is "characterized by a concentration or multiplicity of features, functions, and material culture," which must retain temporal and design integrity (De Cunzo and Garcia 1993:250). During the Urbanization and Early Suburbanization period (1880-1940±) in Sussex County, a complex generally included a two-story, single pile farmhouse with a kitchen wing, often exhibiting Victorian motifs, such as a cross gable roof and two to 10 outbuildings laid out in a partial court behind the house. The outbuildings "defined the Sussex County agricultural landscape" (De Cunzo and Garcia 1993:191) and generally included a mixed-use barn and corncrib and, by the early to mid-twentieth century, potato houses and low broiler houses (De Cunzo and Garcia 1993:189-191). The Hart Farm meets the major parts of these criteria. The farmhouse is a two-story I-house with a kitchen wing and a cross gable roof. The outbuildings are located to the north and east of the house. The carriage barn and a barn appear to have been built at a slightly later time than the house, which illustrates evolutionary changes to the farm and farmstead over time. The barn most likely held dairy cows, while the carriage barn probably held equipment and may also have held the corn used to feed poultry.

The Agricultural Complex criteria makes clear that, in order to be NRHP-eligible, the complex must have associated agricultural land. The Hart Farm retains 17 of the 40 acres conveyed in 1898 to John W. Morris. It is located north and east of the farmstead. Although the land is currently fallow, it evokes former pastoral and agricultural use. Because the farmstead and land remain, the farm is eligible under both Criteria A and C.

The Hart Farm does not appear to be significant under NRHP Criterion B, association with a significant person. The guidelines for applying Criterion B state that a person must have made specific contributions to history that can be identified and documented (National Park Service 1991:14). There is no record that any of the owners of record (Thomas Hart, John W. Morris, or Harry F. Jeffries), made identifiable and documented contributions to local history. None are mentioned in Delaware histories. Hart, the only one for whom specific historical information has been found, seems to be a typical farmer in this part of Lewes and Rehoboth

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Continued):

Hundred. His farm size of 80 to 105 ac places him in the middle range of farmers in the area, as does the value of his farm. His crop mix is also typical of the time: dairy cows and dairy products, swine, grain grown both as feed and as a market product, potatoes, and, by 1880, peaches and poultry. Diversified farming with both market and personal uses was a staple of the era.

The farm is also not significant under NRHP Criterion D, because it is not likely to yield information important in history. In order for a building or collection of buildings to be eligible under Criterion D, the resource(s) must be the principal source of important information. The Hart Farm is an example of a Sussex County Agricultural Complex from the Urbanization and Early Suburbanization period (1880-1940±). The resource type is not uncommon and is well-documented. Architecturally, the buildings consist of a modified I-house, a very common property type in southern Delaware. The outbuildings are also examples of common agricultural buildings. They do not convey the ability to yield important information on Sussex County's agricultural history.

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Hart Farm
Name of Property
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Major Bibliographical References:

Beers, D.G.

- 1868 *Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred. Atlas of the State of Delaware From Actual Surveys By and Under the Direction of D.G. Beers.* Pomeroy & Beers, Philadelphia.

De Cunzo, L.A., and A.M. Garcia

- 1993 *"Neither A Desert Nor A Paradise:" Historic Context for the Archaeology of Agriculture and Rural Life, Sussex County, Delaware, 1770-1940.* University of Delaware Department of Anthropology, Center for Archaeological Research, Newark, Delaware. Submitted to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, State Historic Preservation Office, Dover.

National Park Service

- 1991 *National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation.* United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

Sussex County Deeds

- 1898 Heirs of Thomas Hart to John W. and Maggie Morris. Deed Book 127, Page 364. On file, Sussex County Recorder of Deeds Office, Georgetown, Delaware.
- 1953 Lillie M. and Alfred Parker to Frank P. Gelding, Jr. Deed Book 345, Page 212. On file, Sussex County Recorder of Deeds Office, Georgetown, Delaware.

Sussex County Tax Assessments

- 1850-1880 Tax Assessments for Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred. Record Group 4535, Roll 33. On file, Delaware Public Archives, Dover.

United States Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census)

- 1860 United States Federal Census: Population Schedules for Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, Delaware. Website at www.ancestry.com.
- 1870 United States Federal Census: Agricultural Schedules for Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, Delaware. Record Group 0720.006. Microfilm on file, the Delaware Public Archives, Dover.
- 1880a United States Federal Census: Agricultural Schedules for Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, Delaware. Record Group 0720.006. Microfilm on file, the Delaware Public Archives, Dover.
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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary for the Hart Farm is indicated by the black line on the accompanying USGS topographic and aerial base maps (Figures 1 and 2).

Boundary Justification:

The boundary is based on the 6.9 ha (17.0 ac) of land still associated with the property. The boundary is equivalent to the tax parcel of the property.

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Hart Farm
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Photographs:



Photograph 1. S-966, Hart Farm, facade of the farmhouse, facing southwest.

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Hart Farm
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Photographs (Continued):



Photograph 2. S-966, Hart Farm, facade and south side, facing northwest.

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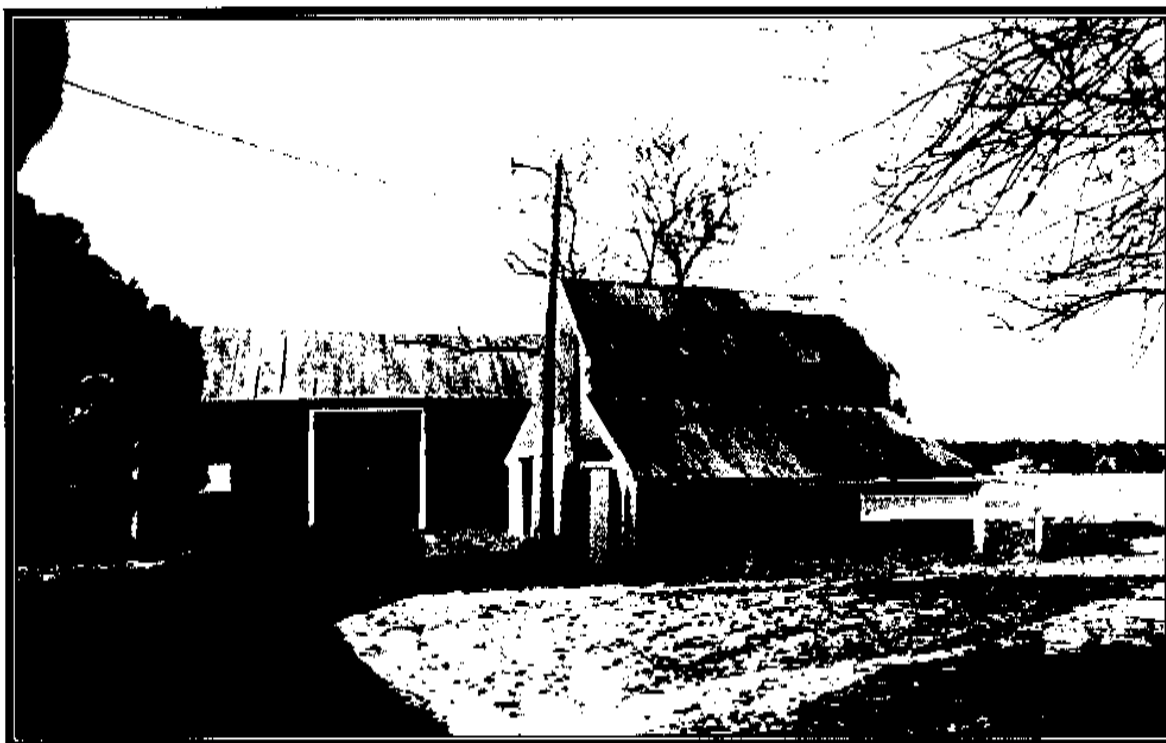
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Photographs (Continued):



Photograph 3. S-966, Hart Farm, barn and carriage house, facing west.

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Hart Farm

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Photographs (Continued):



Photograph 4. S-966, Hart Farm, front (east) and south sides of the barn, facing north.

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Section 11 Page 17

Hart Farm

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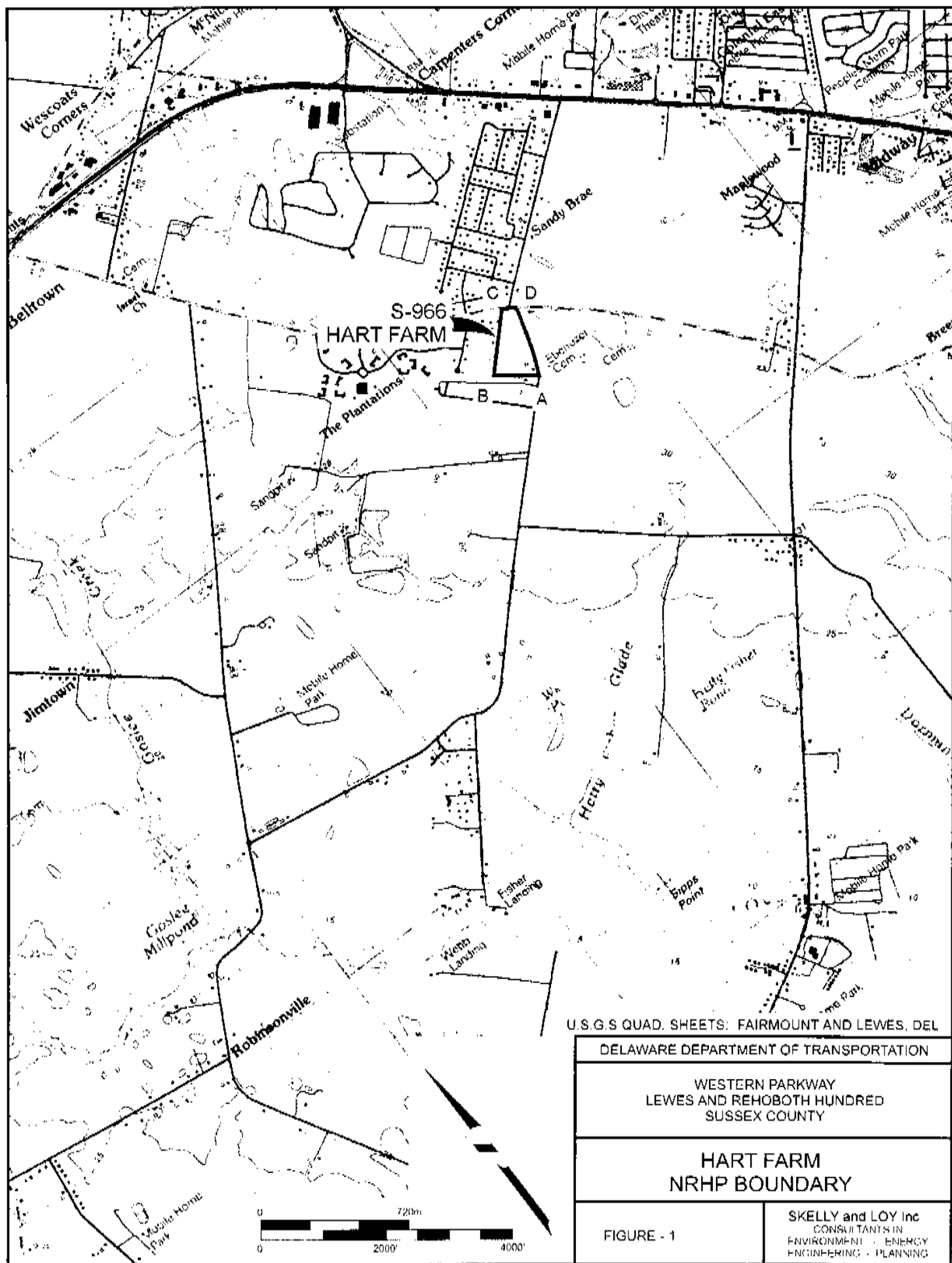
County and State

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Photographs (Continued):



Photograph 5. S-966, Hart Farm, shed on the property, facing northwest.









DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WESTERN PARKWAY
LEWES AND REHOBOTH HUNDRED
SUSSEX COUNTY

HART FARM SKETCH MAP

FIGURE - 2

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1. Name of Property

historic name Norwood Farm

other names/site number Jackson Farm/S-898

2. Location

street & number 19961 Bee Jay Lane

not for publication ☐

city or town Lewes

vicinity X

state Delaware

code DE

county Sussex

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Modified I-House

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

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other

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Acreage of Property 20

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Norwood-Jackson Farm

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Narrative Description:

The Norwood-Jackson Farm, located in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred in the vicinity of Lewes and the intersection known as Five Points, consists of a farmhouse, eight agricultural outbuildings, and associated land. The farmstead is arranged east and south of the farmhouse, behind an extension of a dirt lane that leads from State Route 23 (Beaver Dam Road) back to the farm. Six of the nine buildings date from prior to 1962: the farmhouse, a barn, a carriage barn, a milkhouse, a workshop/storage shed, and a second storage shed. Except for the concrete block milkhouse, all are of frame construction. The three buildings constructed after 1963 are a large equipment barn from 1975, a chicken coop from ca. 1975, and a greenhouse dating to ca. 1995. The buildings are linked by a looped lane that runs between them. Fronting the farmstead and lane are an open agricultural field not part of the Norwood-Jackson Farm. The land associated with the farm is located to the south, east, and west of the farmstead.

The farmhouse is a modified I-house with a two-story rear T and a one-story portion that wrap partially around the east and south sides of the house. The house has a side gable roof pierced at the front with two front-gable wall dormers and finished with asphalt shingles. At the front of the house is a screened one-story porch with a shed roof. The majority of the windows are four-over-four, double-hung wood sash. The house is finished with vinyl siding. According to the current owner, the farmhouse's front two-story I-house portion with the brick foundation dates to ca. 1905. The rear T and the one-story portion have concrete foundations. These were added by Harry Norwood, the farm's original owner, after 1905 but prior to 1935, when the current owner was born. According to the current owner, he has made very few changes to the house (Jackson, personal communication 2006).

The current owner dates the wood frame carriage barn contemporaneously with the original section of the house. The carriage barn has a typical design: two-stories high, three-bays wide, engaged front gable metal roof, and vertical board siding. The two side bays are open, while the middle bay has wood doors, including a door that provided access into the gable end. The foundation consists of concrete block piers. The current owner dates a second barn to ca. 1940. Rectangular in shape, the two-story frame building has a gable metal roof and a concrete slab foundation. Three walls are covered with vertical boards; the fourth is finished with board-and-batten siding.

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Narrative Description (Continued):

A concrete block milkhouse and a workshop/storage shed next to the barn were erected in 1956, as was a second storage shed. Both are one-story high, with a front gable roof. The windows of the milkhouse are four pane metal sash. The roof is asphalt and the foundation is concrete block. The workshop/storage shed has vertical board siding, nine-light wood sash and one-over-one metal replacement sash, a corrugated metal roof, and a concrete block foundation. The final historic building found on the property is a small frame shed located behind the farmhouse.

Currently, the farm has 13.1 ha (32.4 ac) of land associated with it. None of it is currently in agricultural production. Between 1898, when the farm was first deeded, to 1963, the Norwood-Jackson Farm contained 8.1 ha (20.0 ac) of land, as shown on the accompanying maps (Figures 1 and 2). This land is proposed as the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) boundary for the resource.

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Narrative Statement of Significance:

The Norwood-Jackson Farm is eligible for NRHP listing under Criteria A and C as an example of a Sussex County Agricultural Complex from the Urbanization and Early Suburbanization period (1880-1940±). The farmhouse, five historic outbuildings, and the original 8.1 ha (20.0 ac) of land associated with the farm convey the twentieth century history of the farm under the ownership of Harry C. Norwood and his grandson, Brandel Jackson.

In 1872, Albert B. Holland conveyed to William D. Norwood a tract of land of unspecified size. Norwood's race is enumerated in various nineteenth century censuses as "Mulatto," a convention used at the time to designate mixed African American and either White or Native American heritage (U.S. Census 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880). The current owner, a descendant of Norwood's, confirms the information from the nineteenth century censuses, that his family has both African American and Native American heritage (Jackson, personal communication 2006). In 1898, Norwood subdivided the land, deeding an 8.1 ha (20.0 ac) parcel to Harry C. Norwood (Sussex County Deeds 1898:255). Between 1956 and 1963, the farm became the property of Harry Norwood's grandson, Brandel Jackson, the current owner (Sussex County Deeds 1963:73). Over time, the farm's holdings were expanded to its current 13.1 ha (32.4 ac). When in agricultural use, farm products included corn, dairy products, and eggs (Jackson, personal communication 2006).

The Norwood-Jackson Farm is eligible for NRHP listing under Criteria A and C as an example of a Sussex County Agricultural Complex from the early to mid-twentieth century. To be eligible as a Delaware agricultural complex, a farmstead must consist of a farmhouse and related domestic and agricultural outbuildings. A complex is "characterized by a concentration or multiplicity of features, functions, and material culture," which must retain temporal and design integrity (De Cunzo and Garcia 1993:250). During the Urbanization and Early Suburbanization period (1880-1940±) in Sussex County, a complex generally included a two-story, single pile farmhouse with a kitchen wing, often exhibiting Victorian motifs, such as a cross gable roof and two to 10 outbuildings laid out in a partial court behind the house. The outbuildings "defined the Sussex County agricultural landscape" (De Cunzo and Garcia 1993:191) and generally included a mixed-use barn and corncrib and, by the early to mid-twentieth century, potato houses and low broiler houses (De Cunzo and Garcia 1993:189-191).

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Continued):

The Norwood-Jackson Farm meets the major parts of these criteria. The farmhouse is two stories high with a kitchen wing (although it is not single pile), and the outbuildings are laid out in a partial court to the east and to the south of the house. The five remaining historic outbuildings (carriage barn, barn, milkhouse, workshop/shed, and shed) were built in different eras and illustrate evolutionary changes to the farm and farmstead over time.

The Agricultural Complex criteria makes clear that, in order to be eligible, the complex must have associated agricultural land. Currently, no land associated with the property is farmed. However, the 8.1 ha (20.0 ac) land that comprised the farm prior to 1963 is still associated with it, and it has not been put to any other use. The farm's current owner's estimate of its configuration is provided on Figure 2. The 8.1 ha (20.0 ac) consists of woodland near the stream at the east edge of the property, grass, and a portion where sunflowers are grown to attract mourning doves for hunters. Although it is not actively farmed, the non-wooded portions could be returned to agricultural production at any time. The proposed NRHP boundary, therefore, includes the 8.1 ha (20.0 ac) historically associated with the property from 1898 through 1963.

The Norwood-Jackson Farm does not appear to be significant under NRHP Criterion B, association with a significant person. The guidelines for applying Criterion B state that a person must have made specific contributions to history that can be identified and documented (National Park Service 1991:14). There is no record that Harry C. Norwood, who assumed the farm's ownership in 1898 and who operated the 8.1 ha (20.0 ac) farm during the period in which the house and most of the outbuildings were built, made identifiable and documented contributions to local history. Rather, he appears to have been simply a small farmer. That status was not historically significant in this portion of Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred.

The farm is also not significant under NRHP Criterion D, because it is not likely to yield information important in history. In order for a building or collection of buildings to be eligible under Criterion D, the resource(s) must be the principal source of important information. The Norwood-Jackson Farm is an example of a twentieth century Agricultural Complex in Sussex County. The resource type is not uncommon and is well-documented. Architecturally, the buildings consist of a modified I-house, a very common property type in southern Delaware. The outbuildings are also examples of common agricultural buildings. They do not convey the ability to yield important information on Sussex County's agricultural history.

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National Park Service

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Sussex County Deeds

- 1898 William D. Norwood to Harry C. Norwood. Deed Book 129, Page 255. On file, Sussex County Recorder of Deeds Office, Georgetown, Delaware.
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United States Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census)

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary for the Norwood-Jackson Farm is indicated by the black line on the accompanying USGS topographic and aerial base maps (Figures 1 and 2).

Boundary Justification:

The boundary is based on the 8.1 ha (20.0 ac) historically associated with the farm. The boundary was drawn in association with the current owner, and is based on easily recognized landmarks, such as existing trees, farm lanes, and Goslee Creek.

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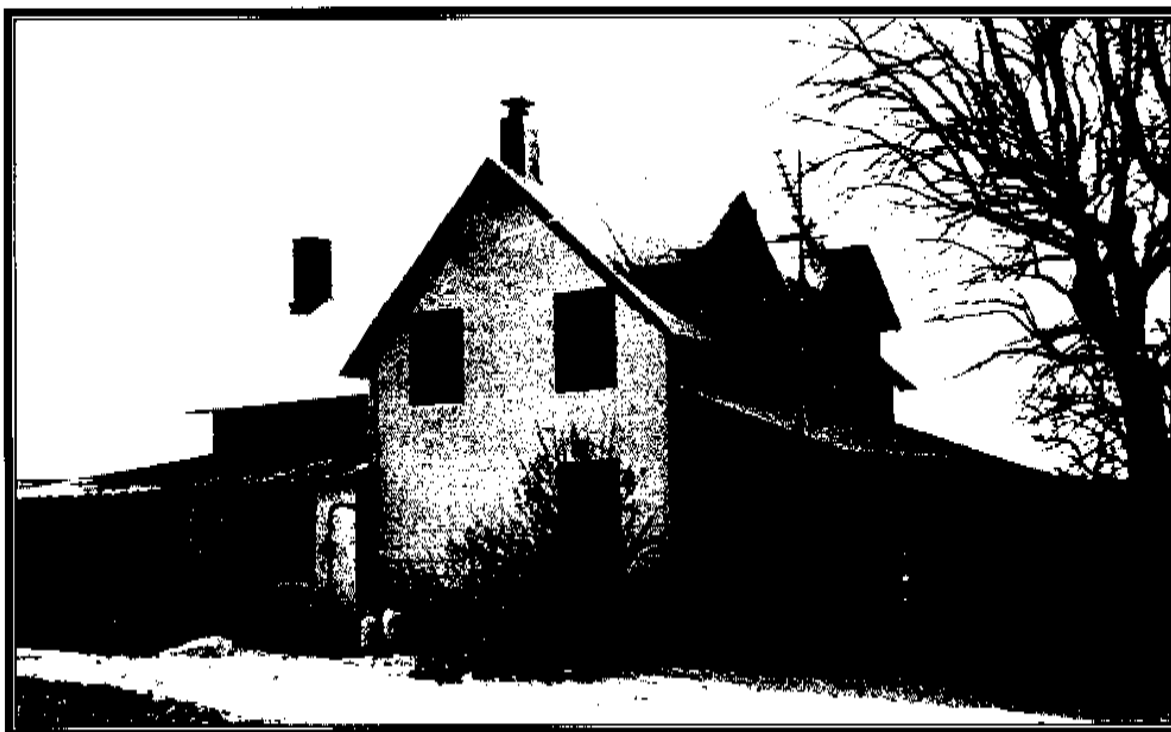
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Photographs:



*Photograph 1. S-898, Norwood-Jackson Farm, north and front (west) sides
of the farmhouse, facing southeast.*

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*Photograph 2. S-898, Norwood-Jackson Farm, front (south) and east sides
of the carriage barn, facing northwest.*

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Photographs (Continued):



Photograph 3. S-898, Norwood-Jackson Farm, south and rear (east) side of the barn, facing northwest.

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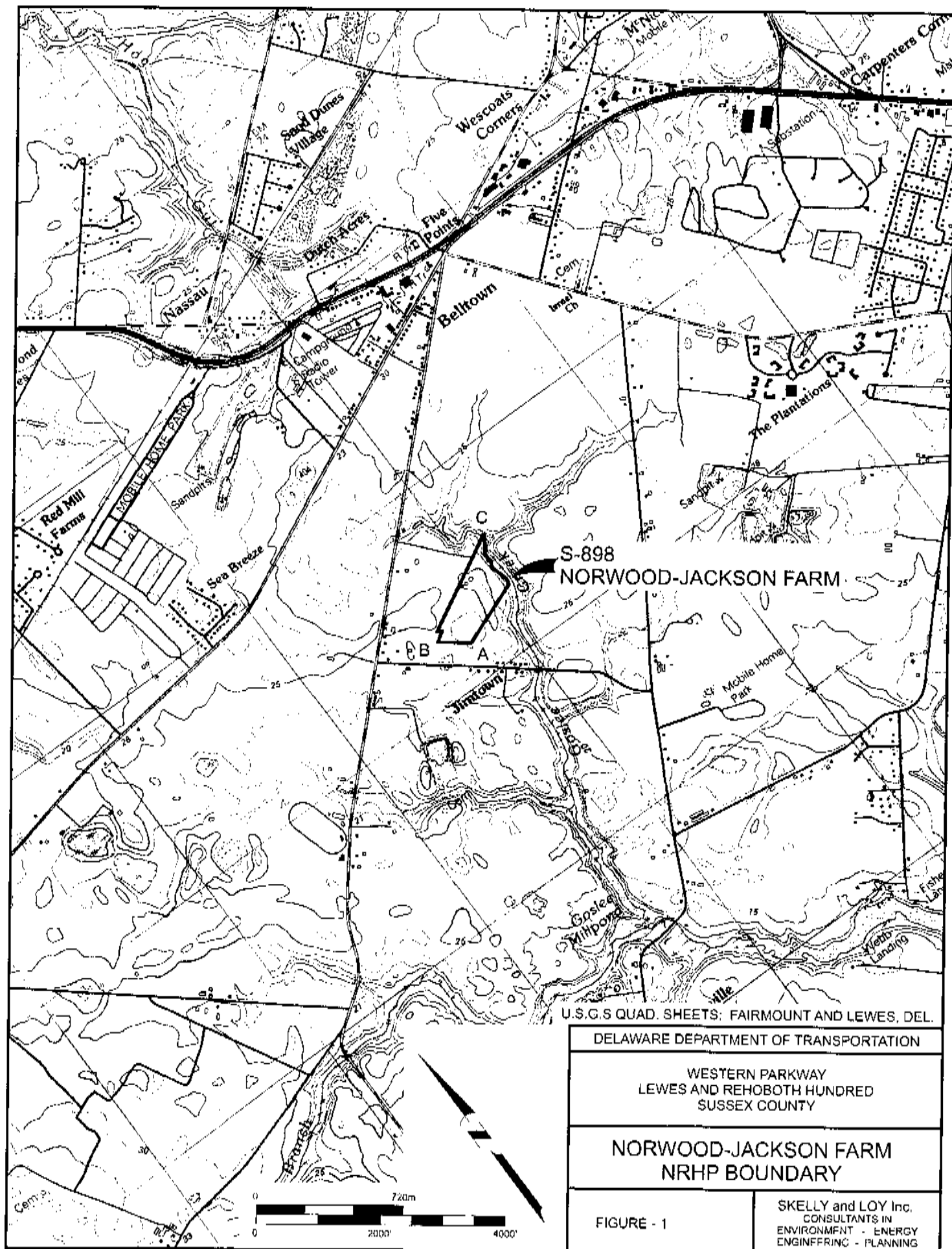
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Photographs (Continued):



Photograph 4. S-898, Norwood-Jackson Farm, concrete block milkhouse (left), wood frame workshop (center), and the corner of the modern barn, facing northwest.





S-898

NORWOOD-JACKSON FARM

WORKSHOP/SHED

MILK HOUSE

BARN

FARM HOUSE

CARRIAGE BARN

SHED

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WESTERN PARKWAY
LEWES AND REHOBOTH HUNDRED
SUSSEX COUNTY

NORWOOD-JACKSON FARM
SKETCH MAP

FIGURE - 2

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REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Israel United Methodist Church

other names/site number S-8591

2. Location

street & number 20230 Plantations Road not for publication ☐

city or town Lewes vicinity ☒

state Delaware code DE county Sussex code 005 zip code 19958

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

___ entered in the National Register

___ See continuation sheet.

___ determined eligible for the National Register

___ See continuation sheet.

___ determined not eligible for the National Register

___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain):

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ Private
☐ Public-local
☐ Public-State
☐ Public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion

Sub: Religious Facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion

Sub: Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular Gothic

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

roof Asphalt

walls Vinyl

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☒ X A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Settlement patterns

Period of Significance

Ca. 1850-1962

Significant Dates

1916

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing

1. 18 485266 4288320

2. _____

☐ See continuation sheet.

Zone Easting Northing

3. _____

4. _____

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Trustees Israel United Methodist Church

street & number 20230 Plantations Road

telephone (302) 645-4833

city or town Lewes

state DE

zip code 19958

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Narrative Description:

The Israel United Methodist Church is located on the north side of Plantations Road in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County. The current Israel United Methodist Church building dates to 1916. The vestibule, which contains a small entry and restrooms, was added to the building in 1974 (Johnson, personal communication 2006). Presumably, the vinyl siding that covers the walls dates from that period. Prior to the 1974 construction, congregants entered the sacristy directly from the front door.

The church is a simple rectangular building topped by a square steeple and pointed spire. It rests on a foundation of concrete and concrete block. Gothic style windows are the only modicum of ecclesiastical style. The church is surrounded on all sides by a burying ground, with the earliest grave dating to 1848. Development is encroaching the property on all sides.

The church sports a simple interior featuring a cove ceiling, plaster side and rear walls (the front wall, where the addition was made, is dry wall), and Gothic window surrounds. A central aisle is flanked by 10 pews on each side. The aisle features two heat grates, and is carpeted; the pine wood floor under the pews is not. The pews face the altar and choir space, which is located behind the altar. The flat arch above the altar is inscribed with the words "Jesus is Lord of All."

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Narrative Statement of Significance:

According to historical sources and the current minister, the congregation of the Israel United Methodist Church dates to the mid-nineteenth century. The church was founded by Israel Jackson, about whom no historical information could be found. A nineteenth century history of Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred (Scharf 1888:1221) states that the original church was "burned down about 1853," but that it had been "rebuilt and repaired," possibly *ca.* 1855 (Johnson, personal communication 2006). The 1868 map of Sussex County (Beers 1868) showed the building as a "Mulatto Church," a designation also used in Scharf's history (Scharf 1888:1221). According to the Delaware SHPO office, the "mulatto" designation on historic maps often indicated an African American-Native American mix, and the cemetery may have a Nanticoke Indian tribe connection (Stocum, personal communication 2006). Local informants confirm the mulatto designation; the church was founded by light-skinned African Americans (Johnson, personal communication 2006; Braven Duffie, personal communication 2006). A date stone inside the church lists an 1890 construction date. That building may also have been destroyed by fire, necessitating the 1916 rebuilding.

Despite the 1974 alterations, the church is recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP. Churches are a category of resource not normally eligible for NRHP listing. In order to be eligible, a church must meet the requirements of Criteria Consideration A: Religious Properties, which states that a religious property is eligible if it derives primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance. To be historically important, a religious property must be significant under another NRHP theme (National Park Service 1991:26-27).

In this case, the Israel United Methodist Church is significant under the theme Settlement Patterns for its association with Belltown and the African American community in this part of Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred. The church illustrates historical settlement patterns and cultural divisions among African Americans in the Lewes area. Worshipers at the church were (and continue to be) light-skinned African Americans, and the historical record indicates that the people who worshipped during the historical period were of mixed race. Darker-skinned African Americans worshipped at the John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, located nearby in Belltown. The church is significant because it illustrates this historic distinction within the local African American community.

The proposed NRHP boundary for the resource is the current tax parcel, which includes the church and the cemetery.

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Personal Communication:

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary for the Israel United Methodist Church is equivalent to Sussex County Tax Parcel 3-34-006-509, as shown on the USGS topographic and aerial base maps (Figures 1 and 2).

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes the church and cemetery.

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Photographs:



Photograph 1. S-8591, Israel United Methodist Church, front (south) and west sides, facing northeast. Note also the cemetery surrounding the church.

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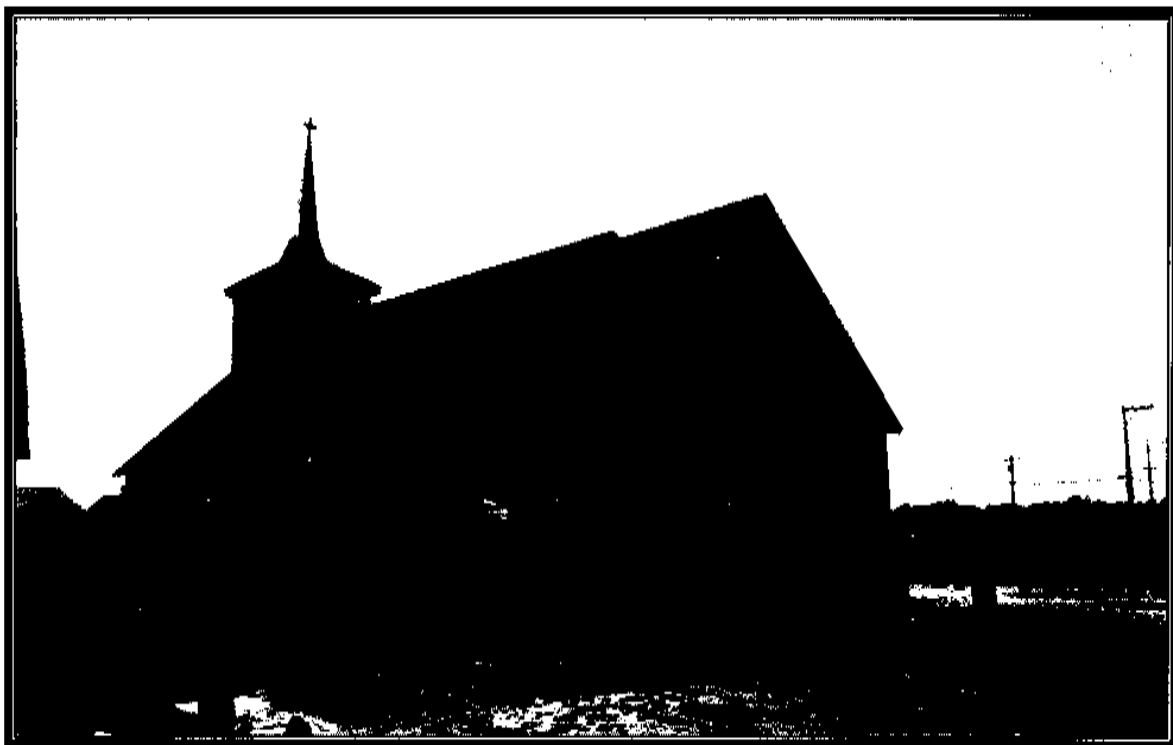
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Photographs (Continued):



*Photograph 2. S-8591, Israel United Methodist Church, rear (north) and east sides,
facing southwest.*

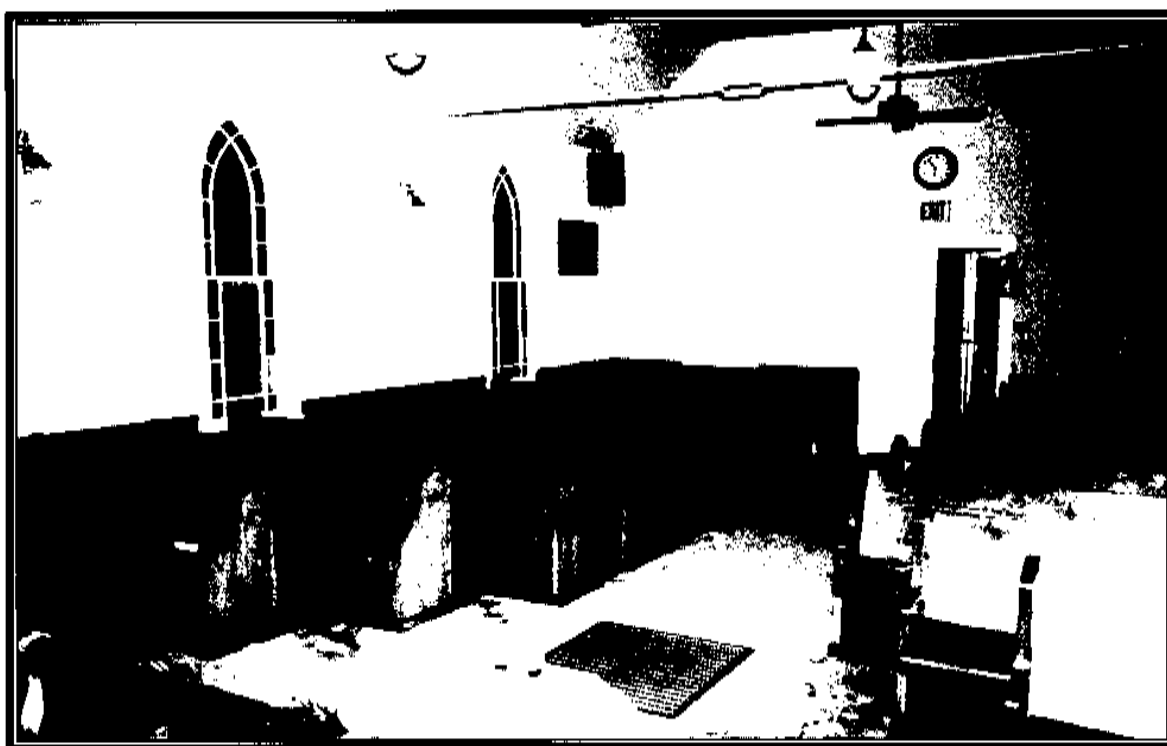
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Photographs (Continued):



Photograph 3. S-8591, Israel United Methodist Church, interior from the corner of the altar toward the rear of the church, facing southeast.

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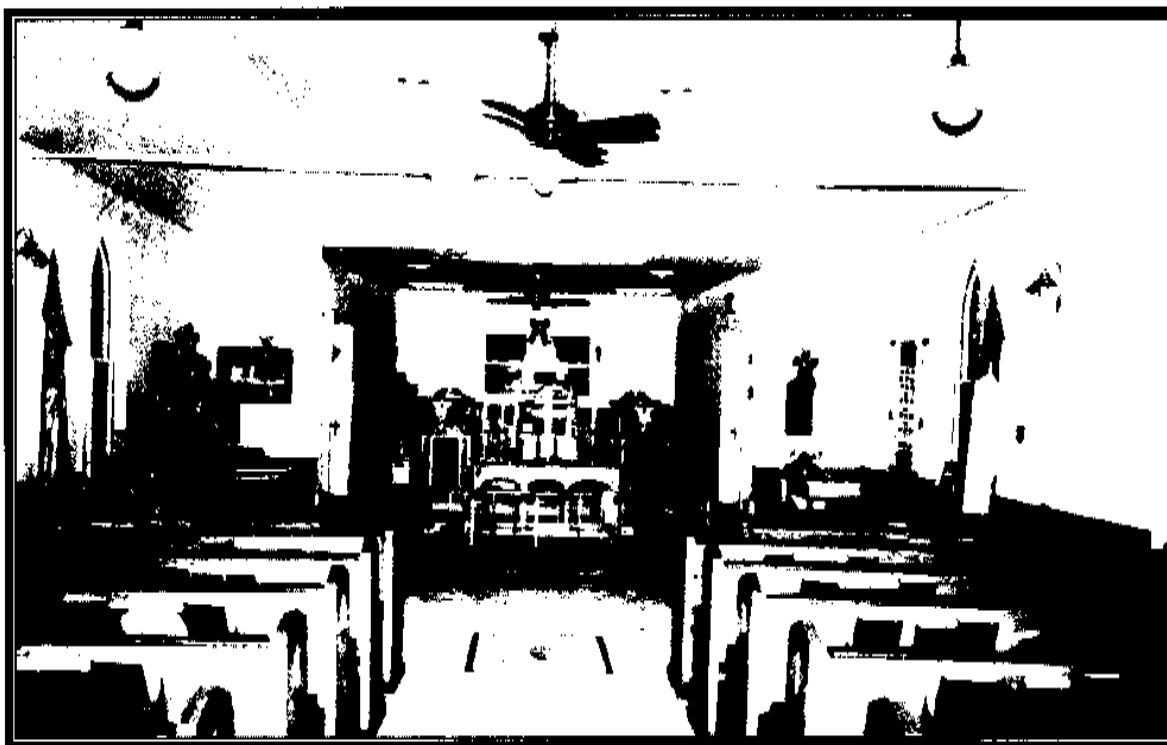
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Photographs (Continued):



Photograph 4. S-8591, Israel United Methodist Church, interior from the back of the church toward the altar and choir, facing north.

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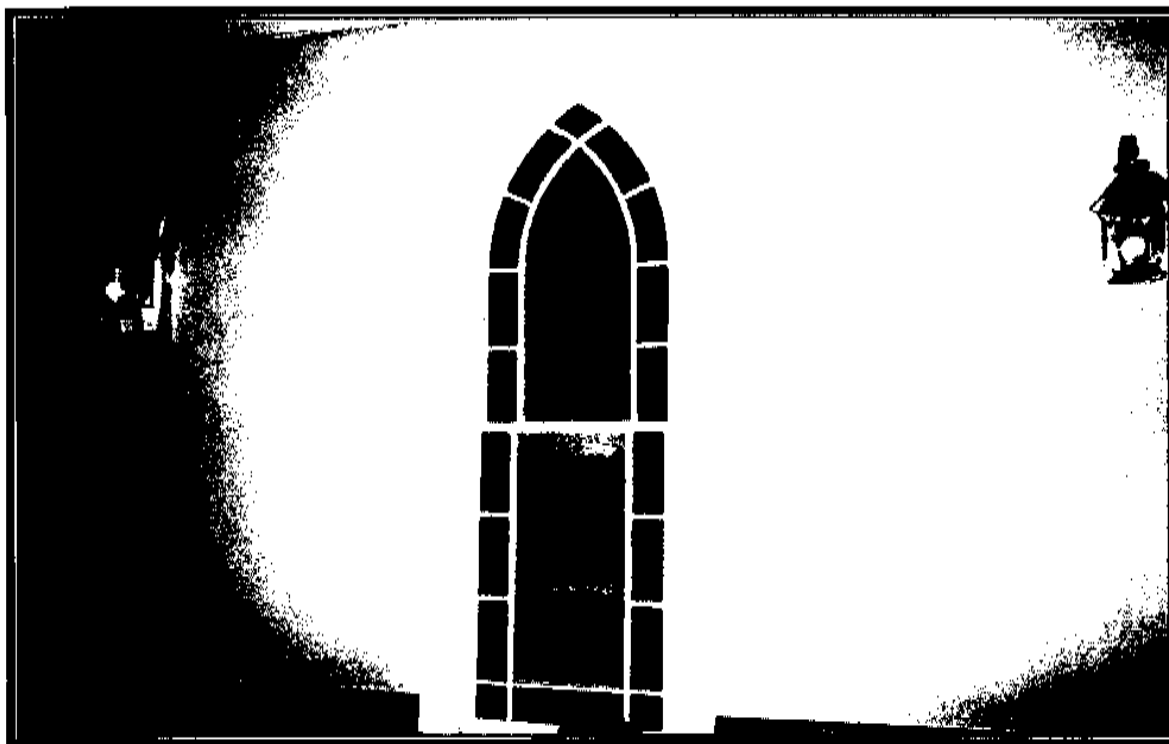
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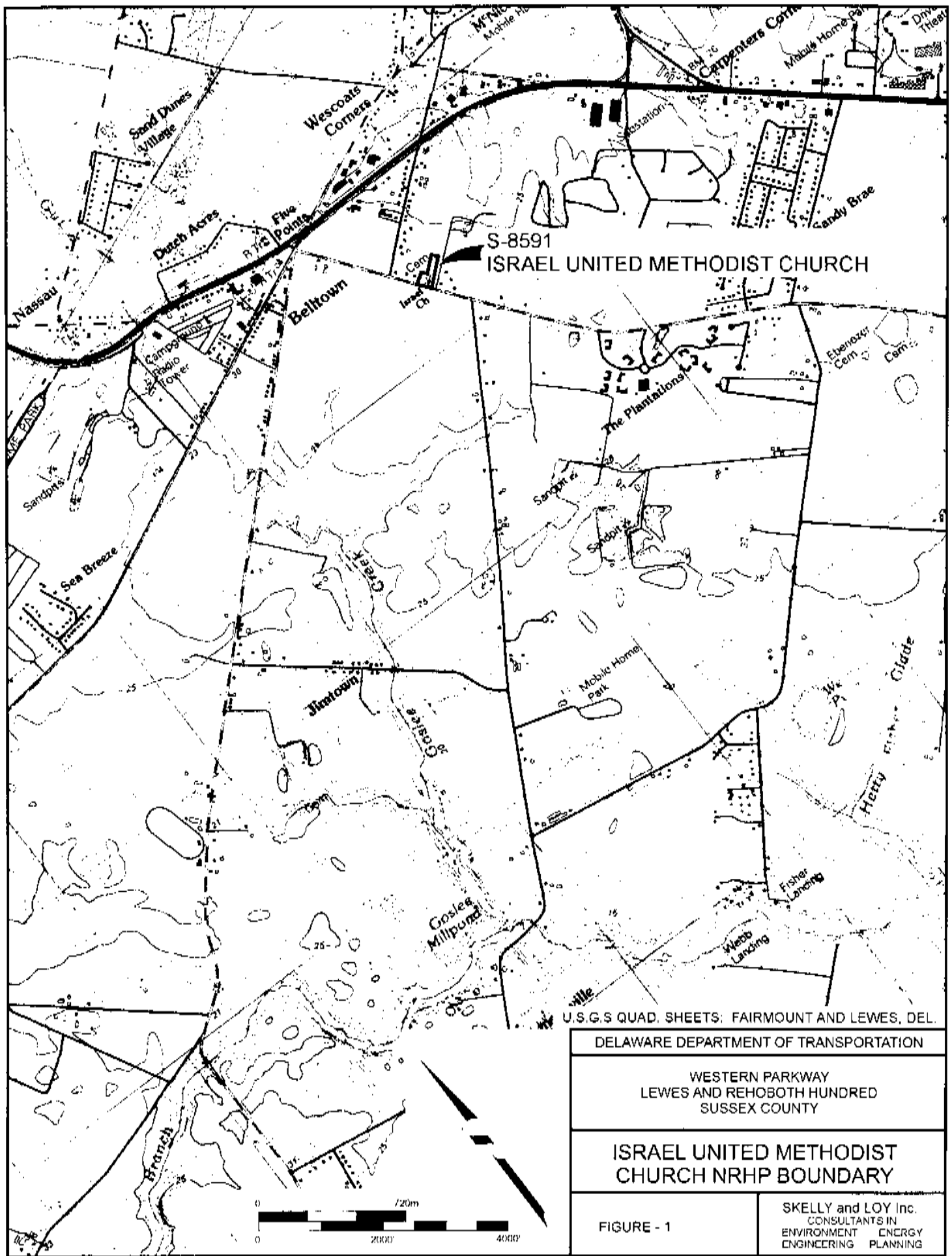
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Photograph 5. S-8591, Israel United Methodist Church, detail of the window and surround, facing west.





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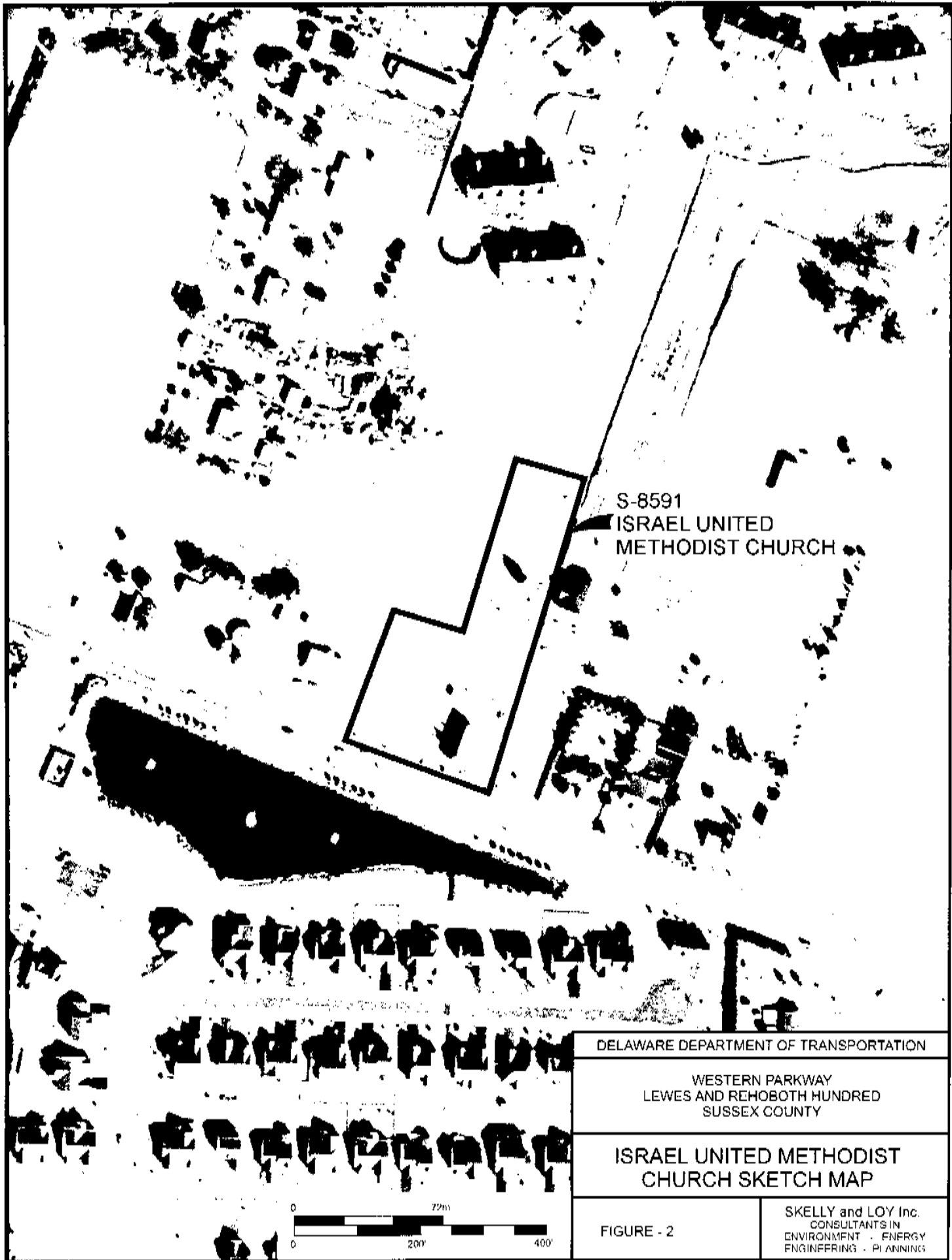
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FIGURE - 1

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FIGURE - 2

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